

**Weekly Status & Information Report:**  
**Week of June 27, 2005**

1. **County Executive at the 4th of July Festivities:** The City received a call this morning from Joanne Poore, personal assistant to County Executive Doug Duncan. Ms. Poore informed us that Mr. Duncan will be in Takoma Park on Independence Day. He will be arriving late in the morning of the 4th. Belle Zeigler, longtime member of the Independence Day Committee, will provide Mr. Duncan access somewhere in the parade. *(Executive Assistant)*
2. **Summer Reading Adventure:** Seventy-five children are now enrolled in our interactive summer reading adventure, designed by Library Assistant Dave Burbank. Now in its second week, we anticipate that many more summer readers will join throughout July and August. Older children are also signing up for the Hoopsmarks reading program, which awards two tickets to a Wizards/ Mystics game to any child who reads a total of ten books during the summer. *(Library)*
3. **Laurel Avenue Streetscape Project (Ward 1 & 3):** This week a portion of the median sidewalk was poured, and the sidewalk base against the building was caulked. The rest of the median sidewalk will be poured next week. Cement pouring has been delayed several times due to the need to coordinate with other agencies regarding utilities infrastructure alterations and repairs. The unfinished area of the commercial sidewalk (by the pedestrian crosswalk) will also be excavated, prepared for a tree, and prepared for pouring the curb and sidewalk. *(Housing and Community Development)*
4. **Street Restoration (Ward 1):** Contractors are continuing concrete repairs on Takoma Avenue. This is expected to continue through next week. *(Public Works)*
5. **Friends of Sligo Creek:** The City Engineer recently met with the Friends of Sligo Creek regarding a Letter of Intent for Cooperation on the construction of a rain garden. Rain gardens provide a more environmental friendly distribution of rain water. More information will be provided to Council as the project progresses. *(Public Works)*
6. **Various Items from the Police:** On June 27th, Captain Coursey, Sergeant Gilbert and Detective Poole attended a joint roll call with Prince George's and Montgomery County Police for the C-SAFE area (Ward 6). This week, Chief Creamer met with Councilmember Austin-Lane and a vendor for digital red-light cameras. Lieutenant Cipperly was on bereavement leave. Officer Kristian Pedersen resigned to take a position with the Metropolitan (DC) Police Department. Planning and work is underway for Monday's parade and fireworks requirements. *(Police)*
7. **Crime Blotter (All Wards):** Detective Conrad obtained warrants for three burglaries which occurred in the Linden/New Hampshire Avenues area (Ward 6). The burglaries took place during May and June. The suspect is the man arrested two weeks ago with assistance from an apartment maintenance man. Among arrests this week were three for shoplifting (Ward 6). About 75 percent of traffic enforcement stops resulted in citations, with enforcement occurring on Ethan Allen and Philadelphia, Carroll, New Hampshire, University, Maple, Piney Branch, Elm and Flower Avenues. *(Police)*
8. **Updates on Summer Camps:** Creative Adventures and Extreme Horizons Summer Camp have completed their first week of camp. We are looking forward to six more fun filled weeks of camp. Creative Adventures camp went to the Chesapeake Children's Museum, and swimming at the Long Branch pool. We also had two special guests this week: Mad Science talked about the ocean and the life that lives there and Matt Corley taught marbles. Extreme Horizons went horseback riding, to Six Flags, the Folk Life Festival, National Science Museum in D.C. and the Firefighters Museum. *(Recreation)*
9. **The Annual Marble Tournament:** Last week the City of Takoma Park was represented at the 82nd Annual National Marbles Tournament by Nick Loeb and Hannah Loeb of Willow Avenue. The tournament was held on the beach at Wildwood New Jersey with three days of preliminary play starting on Monday, June 20th. In the end, both City champions represented the Takoma Park well, with Hannah finishing in 17th place and Nick in 19th place. *(Recreation)*